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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR USS TALBOT FOR INFOJMAL VISIT
TO CURACAO MARCH 15-22, 1975

REFS: A) COMCARIBSEAFRON NO. 3129

B) COMSURFLANT NO. 3128

C) THE HAGUE 0519, JAN. 31, 1975

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED INFORMAL VISIT WITH
COMMODORE LANDZAAT, FLAG OFFICER NETHERLANDS ANTILLES.
COMMODORE LANDZAAT SUGGESTS AND I CONCUR THAT AN INFORMAL
VISIT OF 7 DAYS IS TOO LONG AND THAT THE VISIT SHOULD BE
INFORMAL FOR ONLY THE FIRST THREE DAYS AND THEN REVERT TO
ROUTINE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE STAY.

2. FOR AN INFORMAL VISIT, THE CONSULATE GENERAL MUST ARRANGE
THE REQUIRED COURTESY CALLS ON THE GOVERNOR OF THE NETHERLANDS
ANDTILLES AND THE GOVERNOR OF CURACAO. SUCH CALLS SHOULD BE ON
FIRST DAY OF VISIT AND CAN ONLY BE ARRANGED WITH THE CONCERNED
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OFFICIALS DURING THE WEEK REPEAT DURING THE WEEK AND WITH

CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE NOTICE.

3. REFTEL 0519 (NOTAL) FROM THE HAGUE, STATED THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES OF US NAVY SHIPS CALLING IN THE NA BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 45 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED VISIT TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE CLEARANCE PROCESS. WHILE THE CONSULATE GENERAL WELCOMES THE VISIT OF THE TALBOT, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT THIS VERY SHORT NOTICE WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE THE CLEARANCE FROM THE HAGUE IN TIME TO MAKE ALL THE SPECIFIC PREPARATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES FOR AN INFORMAL VISIT, SUCH AS THE ABOVE MENTIONED COURTESY CALLS.

4. THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED WITH COMMODORE LANDZAAT'S CONCURRENCE:

A. IF DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FROM THE HAGUE CAN BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 5, THE VISIT COULD BE MADE BEGINNING MARCH 17. FIRST THREE DAYS COULD COMPRIZE INFORMAL VISIT AND BALANCE OF TIME ROUTINE VISIT, AS SUGGESTED BY COMMODORE LANDZAAT.

B. VISIT CAN BE POSTPONED UNTIL AT LEAST LATE APRIL GIVING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CLEARANCE PROCEDURE FROM THE HAGUE AND ADVANCE PREPARATIONS. INFORMAL VISIT SHOULD BEGIN ON WEEKDAY, AND LAST NOT LONGER THAN THREE DAYS. ADDITIONAL TIME IN CURACAO WOULD BE WELCOME AS ROUTINE VISIT.

C. ASSUMING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FROM THE HAGUE CAN BE GRANTED IN SUFFICIENT TIME, TALBOT COULD PROCEED WITH A ROUTINE REPEAT ROUTINE VISIT MARCH 15-22, 1975.

5. IF THERE ARE OTHER SUGGESTIONS, CONGEN WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER THEM AND DISCUSS THEM WITH COMMODORE LANDZAAT FOR HIS VIEWS AND CONCURRENCE.

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